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Inventor: **MUHANNA ET AL.**  
Title: **VERTEBRAL BODY REPLACEMENT AND METHOD OF USE**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 15 sheets of drawings.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_.  
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☒ Declaration For Patent Application - Unsigned

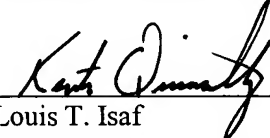
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Application				\$770.00/\$385.00	\$ 385.00
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Patent Application Transmittal  
Specification  
Claims 1-47  
Abstract  
Drawings – Figs. 1-31  
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**REQUEST FOR NONPUBLICATION OF APPLICATION  
UNDER 35 USC § 122(b) [37 CFR § 1.213(a)]**

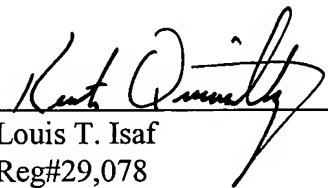
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It is requested that this application not be published under 35 USC § 122(b).

This is to certify that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.

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